Registration of pregnant women

†2070. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is proposal to make the registration of pregnant ladies mandatory in the name of checking female foeticide and if so, what information would be required to be furnished at the time of registration;

(b) whether it would impose ban on those ladies who willingly want to do abortion in order to adopt family planning as they already have more number of children and whether it would not adversely affect family planning programmes; and

(c) whether the proposed system is against the fundamental rights of women to decide whether to carry the baby or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Punishment for maintaining faulty equipment and substandard medicines

2071. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no stringent laws to punish guilty persons playing with the lives of people with negligence in hospital treatment by dereliction of duty and maintaining faulty equipment and sub-standard medicines; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to deal with such cases in a more effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) There are various laws for taking legal action against doctors/hospitals if medical negligence is proved, such as Consumer Protection Act and/or action by the Medical Council of India under the provisions of Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulation, 2002.

In so far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, all efforts are made with regard to proper maintenance of life saving equipments and for ensuring that only quality medicines are procured.

Suspended coal particles as cause **of T.B. in Jharkhand**

2072. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many people are infected with TB in Jharkhand;

(b) the annual mortality rate in Jharkhand for the last 5 years;

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